

## ANNUAL REPORT

of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for 1940.

## VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated population for mid-year 1940  
 (excluding South Camp) ... 25, 560  
 for calculation of Births and Deaths.  
 Comparability Factor ... 1.14

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	248	223	471
Illegitimate	20	27	47
Total (excluding South Camp) ...	...	...	518

Crude Birth Rate ... 20.3  
 Birth Rate (corrected with comparability factor).. 24.2

STILL-BIRTHS ... 13  
 ( 2 Illegitimate)

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
(Excluding South Camp)	154	147	301
Crude Death Rate ...	...	...	11.7
Death Rate (corrected with comparability factor)	...	...	13.3
Infantile Deaths ...	...	27	...
Infantile Death Rate, per 1,000 Live Births ...	...	...	52.
(corrected with comparability factor)	...	...	58.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Heart Diseases ...	69	Cancer ...	45
Bronchitis ...	27	Road accidents & other	
Tuberculosis ...	7	violent causes ...	10
Diabetis ...	5	Cerebro-spinal Fever	2
Diphtheria ...	1	Maternal Causes...	1
Lepto Spirosis ...	1	All other causes..	20
(Infective Jaundice)			

BOROUGH OF ALDERSHOT - Statistics for 1940.

Number of Available Houses	...	...	5,633
" " Houses with shops	...	...	346
" " Licensed Premises	...	...	83
Rateable Value (1940)	...	...	£271, 830
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	£1,100
Acreage - Civil 1,432 S. Camp 2,746...	...	...	4,178

ISOLATION HOSPITAL Admissions during 1940

Aldershot ...	61	Farnborough ...	38
Fleet ...	2	Camberley ...	23
Hartley Wintney ...	21	Southampton ...	5
Bordon ...	2	Basingstoke ...	3

TOTAL Admissions ... 164  
 Deaths ... 8  
 General Anaesthetics. ... 25

## LABORATORY FACILITIES

Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations are carried out at the County Laboratory, The Castle, Winchester, and any urgent examinations can be carried out at the Leishman Laboratory, Cambridge Hospital.

## AMBULANCE FACILITIES

For Accident and Sickness - 2 Motor Ambulances are available at the Manor Park First Aid Post.

For Infectious Disease - Patients are transported to the Isolation Hospital by Ambulance provided by the Farnborough U.D.C. as in previous years

## HOSPITALS PROVIDED or SUBSIDISED by the LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHERWISE.

Tuberculosis ... Provided by Hants County Council  
Maternity ... Maternity Unit, Aldershot General Hospital provided by the Aldershot Borough Council  
... Farnham County Hospital  
... Winchfield Public Assistance Maternity Ward.  
Children ... Aldershot General Hospital  
Infectious Diseases  
... Isolation Hospital  
Smallpox ... Provided by the Hants County Council

## TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

CHILD WELFARE	Manor Park House	Mondays 2 p.m. Fridays 2 p.m.
ANTE NATAL	" " "	Thursdays 2 p.m. (Dr. Page) and 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month (Dr. Dobbin)
Diphtheria IMMUNIZATION	Manor Park House	On arranged dates
MINOR AILMENTS	School Clinic	Every morning 9.30 a.m.
DENTAL TREATMENT	School Clinic	ditto
OPHTHALMIC	School Clinic	Wednesdays as reqd.
ORTHOPAEDIC	School Clinic	Remedial Exercises Every Wednesday 2.30 p.m. Surgeon's Day 3rd Wednesday in month. 2.30 p.m.
TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY	Manor Park House	Tues. & Sat. 10 - 12
VENEREAL DISEASES	Manor Park House	Males ... Mondays 5 - 7 p.m. Females ... Wednesdays 10 - 12 a.m.

## MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

### Ante Natal Clinic :-

Number of women who attended Clinic	...	...	304
Total Number of attendances	....	...	503
Average attendance per session	...	...	25

Number of cases attended by midwives during the year,  
including cases in Maternity Unit.

As Midwives	...	...	...	...	...	569
As Maternity Nurses..	...	...	...	...	...	87
Total number of Births	...	...	...	...	...	656

## MUNICIPAL MIDWIVES

Nurse S.D. Rogers, 69, North Lane, Aldershot...  
Nurse K. Jinks, 29, Gordon Road, Aldershot  
Nurse L. Kernick, 48, Sandford Road, Aldershot.  
Nurse P.V. Hignall, 59, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot.

## HEALTH VISITORS

Miss A. Arthur )  
Miss R. Killen ) 45, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot.

### Home Visits to Expectant Mothers :-

First Visits ...	68	Total	68
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### Home Visits to children under 1 year :-

First Visits ...	458	Total Visits	1,866
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### Home Visits to Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years

Total Visits	1,675
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The work of the Child Welfare Clinic, held at the Manor Park House on Mondays and Fridays at 2.30 p.m. each week, remained under the capable management of the Aldershot Town Maternity and Child Welfare Voluntary Committee.

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SANITARY INSPECTORS REPORT 1940

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Number and nature of inspections :-

INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES.

Housing Acts ... ..	49
Public Health Acts ... ..	197
District Inspections .. ...	1188
Re-inspections .. ...	1164

NO. OF VISITS TO..

Cowsheds and Dairies .. ...	60
Food premises ... ..	227
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	20
Slaughter House . ... ..	902
Infectious disease cases ... ..	75
Works in progress ... ..	539
Factories ... ..	13
Houses let in lodgings ... ..	51
Verminous houses ... ..	147
Offensive accumulations ... ..	9
Shops under the shops acts .. ...	15
No. of houses drains subjected to Smoke Test ..	23

NUISANCES AND OTHER MATTERS DEALT WITH.

Foul drains, W.C.s etc. opened and cleared ...	67
Defective water closets and drains ... ..	37
Accumulations of noxious matter ... ..	12
Nuisances arising from keeping of animals ...	4
Verminous houses ... ..	63
Dwelling-houses needing repairs ... ..	206
Dangerous buildings reported to Borough Surveyor	4
Dustbins renewed .. ...	269
Filthy and unwholesome premises ... ..	5

## PRINCIPAL STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

19 Premises installed with new drainage systems.  
9 New drain inspection chambers provided.  
18 New W.C. pedestal pans fitted.  
23 Yards paved or repaired.  
37 Water closets put in order.  
2 New sinks fitted.  
4 Sink wastepipes repaired or renewed.  
3 Foodstores provided.  
8 New soil and ventilating shafts.  
19 Water supplies reinstated.

## HOUSES IMPROVED.

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Eaves guttering repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Wall and ceiling plaster renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	77
Scullery floors reformed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Other floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Firegrates renewed.	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Hearths reformed...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Windows repaired and made to open	...	...	...	...	...	...	92
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Skirting boards repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Stairs retreaded.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Stair handrails fitted...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Damp walls remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	123
Walls and ceilings cleansed (Rooms)	...	...	...	...	...	...	124
Cooking ranges repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Washing coppers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

## NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR.

Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	427
Statutory Public Health Act 1936, Section 39	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
"	"	"	"	"	"	24	3
"	"	"	"	"	"	45	2
"	"	"	"	"	"	56	2

Statutory Public Health Act 1936, Section 75	...	33
" " " " " " 83	...	4
" " " " " " 93	...	67
" " " " " " 138	...	5
" " " " " " 79	...	2
Statutory Housing Act 1936, Section 9	...	11
" " " " " 66	...	2
Statutory Notices under Byelaws		
Re Houses let in lodgings	...	2
Factories Act 1937, Section 7	...	1
Shops Act 1934 Section 10	...	1
Food and Drugs Act, Section 22	...	1
" " " " " 14	...	1

#### HOUSING ACT 1936 -- OVERCROWDING.

(A) (1) Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	...	0
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	...	0
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	0
(B) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	1
(C) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding abated during the year	...	1
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	3
(D) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding		0

#### SHOPS ACTS, 1912 - 1936

During the year 15 visits of inspection were made to shops.

The requirements of the above Acts are generally well observed by shopkeepers. One prosecution was instituted for employing assistants on their weekly half holiday, and two letters of warning sent re employing young persons beyond the maximum hours allowed by Section 1 of the Shops Act 1934.

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

The methods of disinfection of bug infested houses is spraying with an efficient vermicide by the Health Department.

The number of Council houses found to be infested was 18; other houses 45.



Notification is received from the Housing Department of persons who have been allocated Council Houses. A visit is then paid to the premises or rooms occupied by these persons and a thorough inspection made particularly as to vermin infestation. Should there be any indication of vermin infestation the furniture and effects are subjected to HCN van fumigation before removal to Council houses. All bedding etc. being removed separately for steam disinfection at the Isolation Hospital and returned to the new house the same day. Similar methods are employed when various tenants on the Housing Estate are granted transfers.

The number of HCN van fumigations carried out during the year was 4.

The pantechnicon in which the HCN fumigation are carried out is our own adaption and about 560 cubic feet capacity, airtight and equipped with electrical heating apparatus comprising 156 feet of unity heating tubes which maintain a temperature of 90° Fahrenheit during the period of two hours which the van is under gas. A powerful 12 inch exhaust fan is also provided in the front end of the van, and which is capable of withdrawing the gas very quickly, and it has been found by practice that there is an absence of dangerous concentration of gas in the space of 20 minutes from the time of opening. This method of van fumigation has proved to be successful, economical and safe, and the electrical heating and extraction apparatus enables the removal to be carried out expeditiously.

Vacant Council houses are subjected to a thorough inspection prior to re-occupation, and should vermin be discovered the necessary disinfection work is carried out.

Every advice and assistance is given to householders as to the keeping of their homes free from vermin.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACTS AND BYELAWS RELATING TO HOUSING

##### Unhealthy Areas

(1) Clearance Areas	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
(2) Improvement Areas	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.

##### Number of Houses Owned by the Local Authority.

(1) Under the Housing Act 1930	...	...	...	...	110
(2) Other powers	...	...	...	...	529.

##### Number of Houses Erected during the year.

(1) By Local Authority...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
(2) By other bodies and persons	....	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	...	2.

#### HOUSING STATISTICS.

##### (1) Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year.

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 206
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 410



2. (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 ... .. 9
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... 14
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... .. 0
4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 9

(2) Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... .. 130

(3) Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a) Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936 :-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs ... .. 9

(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices :-

(a) By owners ... .. 8  
(b) By local authority in default of owners 1

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied... .. 197

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices :-

(a) By owners ... .. 61  
(b) By local authority in default of owners 0

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936 :-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which demolition orders were made ... .. 0

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders... .. 0

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936 -

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made 0

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit 0

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There is only one slaughterhouse within the Borough  
viz :-

Government Controlled Slaughterhouse ... Rear of 126 Ash  
Road.

### SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT 1933

This enactment came into operation on the 1st January 1934 and provides for the humane and scientific slaughter of animals for human food, the licensing of slaughtermen and for purposes connected therewith. By resolution of the Council the requirements with regard to humane slaughter applies to all animals slaughtered for food.

Number of licenses granted during the year to slaughter or stun animals ... .. 8

The following particulars indicate the amount of diseased and unsound food condemned and destroyed during the year :-

### TUBERCULOSIS

#### BOVINES.

22 Carcases complete with offal.  
83 Heads and Tongues.  
10 Heads and Offal.  
4 Hindquarters.  
3 Forequarters.  
149 Lungs.  
32 Livers.  
4 Plucks.  
1 Set of Offal.

#### PIGS.

5 Heads and Tongues.  
2 Heads and Mesenteries.

### OTHER DISEASES, UNSOUND FOOD ETC.

#### BOVINES.

1 Carcase complete with offal.  
14 Hindquarters.  
4 Forequarters.  
2 Heads and Tongues.  
368 Livers.  
13 Lungs.  
2 Hearts.  
322 lb. Beef.  
16 lb. Beef Kidney and Kidney Fat.

#### PIGS.

6 Carcases complete with offal.  
2 Plucks.  
2 Livers.  
4 Legs of Pork.  
1 Fore Ham.  
263 lb. Bacon.  
24 cwt. of Chitterlings.

SHEEP.

10 Sheep Carcases complete with offal.  
 36 Livers.  
 28 Heads.  
 31 Plucks.  
 2 Knuckle, Legs and Saddle.  
 20 lb. of Sweetbreads.

OTHER FOODS.

6 lb. Jellied Veal.  
 3 lb. Chicken & Ham.  
 330 lb. Cherries.  
 207 tins of Foodstuffs.  
 65 lb. Cheese.  
 28 lb. Wet Fillet.  
 86 lb. Sausages.  
 24 dozen Pork Pies.  
 8 lb. Chipolata.  
 84 lb. Rock Salmon.  
 7½ lb. Luncheon Sausages.  
 15 lb. Codfish.

SUMMARY WEIGHT OF CONDEMNED FOOD

<u>BOVINES</u>		lbs.
	Tuberculosis	20646
	Other Diseases	7286
<u>PIGS</u>		
	Tuberculosis	135½
	Other Diseases	1389¾
<u>SHEEP.</u>		
	Other Diseases	793
	Other Foods	633½
		<u>30883¾ lbs.</u>

or 13 Tons - 15 Cwts. - 2 qrs. - 27¾ lb. (Excluding  
 207 tins of foodstuff).

CARCASES EXAMINED DURING THE YEAR

Bovines	1386
Calves	231
Swine	177
Sheep	4242
	<u>6036</u>

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD - MILK SUPPLY

Licensed Dealers of "Pasteurised" Milk	...	...	2
Licensed Dealers of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk	...	...	2
Registered Purveyors of Ordinary Milk	...	...	54
Registered Dairies	...	...	4
Registered Cowkeepers	...	...	1

Samples were examined by the National Institute for Research in Dairying, Reading and the County Laboratory, Winchester. From the 57 samples of ordinary milk taken during the year for bacteriological examination the following results were obtained :-



Under 30,000 per ml. ....	7
Over 30,000 and under 100,000 per ml. ....	12
Over 100,000 and under 200,000 per ml. ....	8
Over 200,000 and under 500,000 per ml. ....	14
Over 500,000 per ml. ....	15

47 of these samples contained Bacillus Coli in 1/10th ml., 39 in 1/100 ml., and 27 in 1/1000 ml., the remainder proving negative.

Of the 181 samples of "Pasteurised" Milk taken, 154 proved satisfactory, 17 failed to satisfy the count test and 13 the Phosphatase Test.

#### MAGISTERIAL PROCEEDINGS

NATURE OF OFFENCE	REMARKS
Shops Act 1912, Section 1	Fined £1-0-0
Public Health Act, Section 93	Fined £3 and costs.
" " " " 93	Fined £2
" " " " 93	Adjourned